



**Dear participant,**

**It is our great pleasure to welcome each of you to Kirkenes and the Barents Sports Conference 2016.**

Thank you for attending and contributing to the conference. Your expertise and experiences will be very much appreciated.

It is an exciting time for the Barents Sport Cooperation and the development of the Barents Games concept. We have been working together since the 1960's and our cooperation is based on friendship, culture and activity across borders. Let us use this weekend to strengthen our relations to make the cooperation even stronger in the future.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our excitement towards the Barents Summer Games 2017, which will take place in Bodø, Norway. We are looking forward to welcome you all to Bodø next September.

***Let us work together in the years to come to share the arctic spirit and at the same time create "Enjoyment of sport for all"!***

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